

**Minutes Neighborhood Council 3 (NC3)**  
**July 20, 2023, 4 p.m.**  
**Corpus Christi Church**

**CALL TO ORDER:** at 4:02 p.m. by Kathleen Gessaman, Chair.

Council members present: Sue Dickenson, Kathleen Gessaman, Garri Mauch, Eric Peterson, Sue Steichen.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Fundraising for Skyline-Optimist Park and Valley View Park** - Kathleen Gessaman said Calumet would like to invest \$15,000 in the neighborhoods that were recently impacted by noise at the plant. City of Great Falls Communications Specialist Lanni Klasner said she sent information on the Summer Celebration and the pavilion fundraising to Calumet. Sue Dickenson said Calumet may not want the money sitting in the bank for any length of time. Eric Peterson said that if we were to secure \$7,500 we would be 1/10th of the way fundraising for one pavilion. He said we would only need to find nine more businesses to match that donation. Sue Steichen suggested AARP as a source for grants.
- **2nd Annual Summer Celebration** - Sue Steichen said Alluvion Health is excited to become a sponsor of the event, but needs additional approval. She asked if we needed to have a table for anything we offer to our residents. Garri Mauch said she had brought the tables during our last year's event. Sue Steichen wanted to know if we would have all of our sponsors lined up to be printed on our event poster. Garri Mauch would like to include sponsor logos on the promotional materials. She said we have identified NeighborWorks Great Falls, Frosty Ice Cream, Binski Towing and Westgate Repair for sponsors. Sue Steichen said she would know about the status of Alluvion Health next week. She said she would also know about Ace Hardware donating retail items and popcorn. Garri Mauch said she will bring individually wrapped gummies, but we will need one case of water packaged in smaller bottles Sue Dickenson suggested that we have one large garbage container to collect and recycle plastic water bottles. She said she would take them to Helena for recycling. Garri Mauch said she would be bringing a large cooler and a bag of ice. Sue Steichen said she would also bring a cooler with ice. She would like to take a poster with the logos displayed to Alluvion Health. Garri Mauch said she had created an event on our Facebook page. Lanni Klasner said she could share our information if we wanted the Great Falls Neighborhood Council Facebook page to serve as a co-host. Eric Peterson said he would submit event notices to the online community calendars. Garri Mauch said that there should be a city fire truck and emergency medical technicians at the event. She said there is the possibility of having a UH-1 helicopter from Malmstrom Air Force Base land in the park.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Calumet Donation** - Council members read two letters drafted by Eric Peterson. One was written for Calumet and the other for general fundraising for park pavilions. Sue Steichen said most businesses complete their budgets in September or October of each year. Garri Mauch said Walmart requests people to go online to submit requests for donations. Sue Dickenson suggested printing 30 copies of the donation request letter and having each of us deliver letters to five businesses. She asked that for the next meeting we each bring a list of businesses in our district and grant ideas for Garri Mauch. Sue Steichen made a motion to accept the generic letter with minor modifications as needed. Sue Dickenson seconded the motion. Garri Mauch asked if everyone had access to a printer. The motion to accept the letters with minor modifications passed unanimously. Sue Steichen made a motion to accept the Calumet letter with the additional

line of "We would appreciate hearing from you soon." Garri Mauch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Adopt a Park** - Eric Peterson said participating in the Adopt a Park program might help let the Park and Recreation Board know how serious we are about improving our parks. He said we should ask the board what parks are available to adopt during one of their upcoming meetings. Kathleen Gessaman said we should keep in mind the Adopt a Park program.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS**

- **Vandalism in Parks** - Sue Steichen discussed the recent vandalism occurring to the Little Free Library in Jaycee Park. All of the books in the library were taken out of the structure and destroyed. She said the new Little Free Library was smaller than the original library. Lanni Klasner said three or four Little Free Libraries have been vandalized in the city.
- **Speeding in the Neighborhood** - Sue Steichen said she has had three people living on 8th Street N.E. complain about the traffic speeding on the street. She emailed Traffic and Streets Manager Eric Boyd, who forwarded her information to Patrol Services. She said they will be increasing the patrolling of this area. She said within a few weeks there will be a "Cop in a Box" located in that area to do traffic studies on 8th and 9th Street N.E. She said it may take a couple of months to compile the data, but when completed they will come and share the information with us on the council. Lanni Klasner said speeding is a concern she hears from throughout the neighborhood councils.
- **Public Safety Levy** - Lanni Klasner said she will be putting together a schedule for public safety levy presentations. Kathleen Gessaman asked if they will be explaining how mills work. Lanni Klasner suggested looking at Montana Cadastral to determine the taxable value of a property

## **ADJOURN**

Sue Steichen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Garri Mauch seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by Kathleen Gessaman at 5:27 p.m.

The next regular NC3 meeting will be held Thursday, September 7 at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Peterson, secretary.